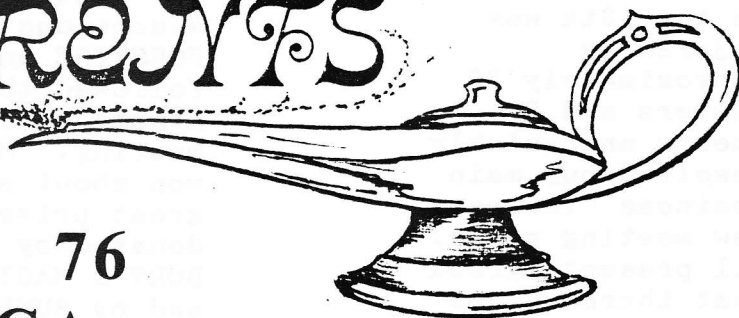


CONGRATULATIONS!! to Frank Syren--Winner of Our Masthead Contest.

MAGICURRENTS



IBM RING 76
SAN DIEGO CA

AUGUST 1988

HAIL SAN DIEGO-
America's finest
city and site of
the 61st IBM Con-
vention, July 5-8,
1989. Register now!
Word has it that
over 500 are
already registered.
\$60 to PO Box 89,
Bluffton, OH 45817,
will lock you in
or what should be
the biggest IBM
convention yet. I'm
told that the
conventions in 1978
in San Diego and
1986 in Long Beach
were the biggest
ever-we anticipate
that San Diego in
1989 will top them
both. This will
make it the biggest
convention in magic
history! PLAN TO BE
A PART OF IT!

The Omni Hotel in
Horton Plaza (619-
239-2200) still has
plenty of rooms but
they are already
being booked for
the convention. In
fact, a recent chat
with the
reservation folks
down there indi-
cates that rooms
are being booked
for the 4th of July
as well (falls on a
Tuesday in 1989).
Looks like folks
are planning to
arrive the day
before to enjoy our
fantastic city for
the 4th as well as
the convention on
the 5th, 6th, 7th
and 8th. Makes
sense; there are
usually 3 or 4
fireworks shows in

our harbor areas
alone on the 4th
of July. Offi-
cially, 7% of the
OMNI's rooms are
already gone and
it's eleven months
before the
convention..

Think about it -
BUT NOT TOO LONG.
my instincts tell
me that this will
be THE IBM
CONVENTION.

Convention
applications are
available at Brad
Burts's Magic
Shop, from me, or
any Board member.

Prez's Mezzage

Are we having fun
yet? A valid ques-
tion. I'm interes-
ted in hearing what
your idea of fun
is. Is it perform-
ing? Collecting?
How about giving a
book review? Dis-
cussing a principle
of magic? I'm sure
that by now you
know what I'm
driving at.
This paragraph will
disappear ten min-

utes after you read
it. That's because
it's unofficial and
you didn't hear it
here. It's possible
to join Ring 76
(for a paltry \$11)
without joining IBM
(which you should
do anyway for \$25
for the first year)
In other words, we
are looking for
local members first
and then IBM. OK?
Meetings should be

fun for everyone-
both doers and ob-
servers.
To make this year
fun, bring your
idea of fun to a
meeting. Bring it
and share it. There
is plenty of room
for everybody. This
is the year for
magic fun, folks.
This is the year
for all of us to
make it happen.
See you at the
meeting.

July Meeting(What you missed)

Our July meeting on the 13th was enjoyed by approximately 22 members and 3 guests and quickly resolved our main business issue--a new meeting place. All present agreed that there was no need to look further, the Board of Directors had found an ideal location in the La Mesa American Legion Hall (Approximately six free way miles east of central San Diego) at Spring and University Streets in La Mesa, CA, (two blocks from Interstate #8 and literally at the end of the off-ramp). See map this issue. It boasts a private meeting hall (apart from the main hall) which seats over 150 with-get this-a private stage! a private entrance and a private restroom. The Hall itself has an even bigger stage which we are told will also be available for our use from time to time. JP extended sincere and official compliments to Ursula Roher for her fine record-keeping during her time as Secretary. thanks Urs.

Our monthly raffle was conducted by Ed FORSYTHE and followed the 25 minute business meeting. Members won about seven great prizes donated by BRAD BURT'S MAGIC SHOP and by BUMPER & CO. magic works. Are we ever lucky to have those two gents in our organization. We hope that winners will perform those items at the next meeting. J.P. JACKSON led off the entertainment with the "Collectors Corner", an occasional fixture of our monthly meeting, which featured descriptions, history and demonstration of a black, red and gold THAYER Double-Load Drawer Box; HIMBER'S Silver Rocket Box and an antique P & L Change Bag some twenty-seven inches deep which came from collector friend Seymour DAVIS who acquired it back when he thought that P & L stood for "pretty long". Thanks Seymour-you get full credit for that line, NOT ME-no way!

Ring 76 is extremely fortunate to have

J.C. WAGNER with us again. "JC" has moved back to San Diego for awhile and we are delighted to have his attendance and participation. JC held forth for 45 minutes with a mini-lecture/teach-in/seminar on Professional Mis-Direction based upon his many, many years of professional close-up and bar magic expertise. He demonstrated, taught, discussed, explained and clarified several pearls from his newest book, THE COMMERCIAL MAGIC OF J C WAGNER, including his handling of "the cop" and how he makes it work, as only JC can (not for the timid); the incredible timing associated with his "card-under-drink" revelation and the simplified handling of the "rubber banded deck". JC finished with a lengthy explanation and clarification of his handling of "Collins Aces" from his book. Questions were fast and furious and all answered expertly and to the point. JC could have gone on for hours but there was more to come.

John DAHMS, our member and magic cabinet maker from Escondido, brought and displayed some of his incredible wood work including a jumbo, walnut DIE BOX (9" x 5" x 4") with a 3 1/2" die, magnetic double door and a sliding lead weight that sounds like a Cadillac door closing; and a set of three hand-turned CUPS for Cups and Balls or Chop Cupping, made from exotic woods. John also makes hand-turned custom presentation wands and an occasional NEST OF BOXES which is a collectable of the future, (I know).

Brad BURT brought one of the hottest sellers from his shop on Convoy Street-Harry ANDERSON'S "JUMBO MARKED" and promptly sold out the next day. Brad now has the only professional magic shop left in San Diego and we thank him for his support and dedication to the RING. Cal MAYERS gave us a look at some super card work with a four card prediction and Jim RILEY (who should get the prize for the longest distance travelled to a meeting) came down from his mountain in Julian, CA to show his "Strung Cards". A

very clever card choice sand location using half-a-deck with a 12 inch string hanging down from each card. A little bulky for handling but a very neat revelation and simpler working-sort of a "Strings Attached" effect-again, that's Jim's, not mine. Long-time member George EDWARDS, ex-President, ex-Secretary, ex-Board of Directors, ex-everything, closed with his famous Ring On/Off Rope routine which inspired one young guest to join on the spot and to seek special lessons from George. A great meeting and from the enthusiastic turnout, we see even better things to come.

Board Meeting

The Board of Directors (Dick DALE, Mike STILWELL, Ed RAYMOND, JP JACKSON, Mark DIMENSTAIN and Ruth PEARSON) met at Dick's house on Tuesday, August 1st to review, discuss and vote upon, over 50 entries in our "Name the Newsletter" Contest. The unanimous results appear in this issues Masthead-- Frank SYREN is our winner and will receive one of the

newest magic items from BUMPER & CO. Many thanks to all those who submitted entries. The overall response was fantastic and reflected some truly inspired thinking, such as: "TRIX of 76" by Geo. EDWARDS; "THE 76 FLASH" by Leo LaLond; "THE BILLET" by Dick DALE; "THE INVISIBLE INK" by Mike STILWELL; "THAUMATURGIA" by Forrest WOOD; "THE SAN DIEGO SCEPTER" by yours truly and on and on and on--

The Board also discussed plans for the Annual Exchange Banquet/Show at a Long Beach, IBM Ring 96, in Sept.; a future combined event with North County Magicians Guild, a possible lecture/Dealer show by Paul DIAMOND; membership promotion ideas, meeting themes and special event ideas. More on these later.

August Meeting

Monday, August 15
we will meet at
7:00 PM for the
first time in our
new facility- The
American Legion
Hall in La Mesa
(see map
enclosed); and
will follow our
fairly stan-
dardized meeting
format as follows:
7:00 --Meeting
open for Round
Table/Seminar/
Teach-In/Close-up/
Socializing and/or
any or all of the
foregoing.

7:30 --Business
Meeting begins
8:00--(or before)
Break followed by
Raffle
8:30--Program

We intend to, more
or less, follow
that format for
each meeting,
subject to special
events or special
performers. AUGUST
MEETING THEME is
"YOUR FAVORITE
TRICK OR ROUTINE"
and will feature
some or all of the
following: Dick
DALE; Mike
STILWELL; Craig
STONE; Joe MYSTIC;

Steve SLOAN and
Paul BARTON. Mike
STILWELL is doing a
bang-up job in
recruiting
entertainers from
the ranks of the
SAN DIEGO working
pros for our August
Meeting; HOWEVER
this great line-up
DOES NOT exclude
any or all members
who wish to
perform. This is
"Your Favorite
Trick or Routine":
night and we want
you to participate.
See Ed FORSYTHE as
you arrive to get
on the list.

Exchange Banquet

Bill McILHANY,
President of Ring
96 in Long Beach,
has extended the
formal invitation
for our annual
Exchange Banquet.
The date is set
for Saturday, 10
Sept. 1988 at the
GOLD STAR
restaurant, 11515
Colima Road, in
Whittier CA; (map
in next issue).
This annual affair
has been a
tradition for over
20 years and was
started by SID
GERHART of Ring 76

and MERLIN
EIFERT of Long
Beach, for whom
our Rings are
named. This is
Ring 76's year to
travel north and
perform; Mike
STILWELL is busy
scheduling a
talent line-up
which will be the
best yet.
Performers are
treated to dinner
by RING 96 so
anyone wishing to
perform should
call Mike at 464-
4961.

The Exchange
Banquet comes
before our regular
Sept meeting, so
members should
discuss travel
plans and
arrangements at
the Aug meeting.
We will have a
regular Sept
meeting on the
19th in addition
to the Banquet so
- MAKE YOUR PLANS.
The Banquet should
prove to be one of
the hi-lights of
the year - DON'T
MISS IT!

Crosstalk

-Al KNOX is alive and well in North Carolina. He called Mike STILWELL recently to "check-in" and reports that he arrived safely in his new location. You're gonna miss a great year Al; but come back for the Convention in '89.

-Our North County Magic friends (Magic Guild of Southern California) are planning a POTLUCK dinner in conjunction with a lecture by ARNOLD FURST on Tuesday, 1 Nov. Rumor has it that we will be invited to attend. They are also planning a big halloween show in Carlsbad on 4 October.

-This is the next-to-last newsletter going non-dues paying previous members (takes a few stamps and paper guys); the next issue will be your last. A check for eleven bucks to Ed RAYMOND at 6902 1/2 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120 will keep

you on the mailing list and in touch with RING 76'S bigger 'n better activities, events, meetings and news.

-Brad BURT'S Magic Shop is now the only Professional Magic Shop left in San Diego! The recent closing of the Sea Port Village Magic Shop leaves Brad all alone. There were some great buys on magic during the last few days at Sea Port Village at massive discounts and rumors persists that some local entrepreneur bought out the remaining stock--I'm sure we'll see some of it as raffle prizes. Good LUCK to Dan and Gary VESS who are consolidating their operation in Palm Springs area on to bigger 'n better things. Remember the Fun and Folly shop in Clairmont Square also carries a small line of magic and can be major recruiting area for the potential junior members who can't get to Brad's shop.

-saw Roy SHANK (previous San Diegan and past RING 76'er) in the "SPELLBOUND"

illusion show at HARRAH'S South Lake TAHOE show room recently. He does a beautiful interlude in support of Mark KALIN, Tim KOLE, Tamara FYRE and Mark KORNHAUSER.. 'nother local boy makes good

-courtesy of Stan ALLEN'S "INSIDE MAGIC"; reruns of "BLACKIE'S MAGIC" with Hal LINDEN can be seen at 9:00 p.m. on Friday nights for a few more weeks. Those of you who haven't heard about the "Dr. MAGIC" debacle at Boston's IBM Convention in July should promptly on the 1st of each month; there is no better or more timely coverage anywhere. \$21 to Stan ALLEN, suite 322, Box 6022; Lakewood, CA 90714 brings you one year subscription.

-HARRY ENG - JOE BERTUZZI - BOB POZNER - JAMES ALBERGER - WHERE ARE YOU????? COME BACK TO RING 76 for a fun year of magic activities. Join us on the 15th and see for yourself.

Sleightly News

'round town

-magic can be seen at Dan THOMAS'S "THE GATHERING" in Hillcrest on Friday and Saturday nights with Dick DALE and Craig STONE. In fact it's kinda turning into a magic hang-out in addition to being a truly fine restaurant. Even old friend Dick BUSH was seen bartending recently and

BUMPER is always hanging around.

-JC WAGNER is now located at Secret Harbor in Coronado and will, very soon, be offering private lessons to small select groups who are ready for his level of expertise.

-Mike STILWELL is at the CORVETTE DINER also in Hillcrest, doing walk-around on Tues and Wed from 7 to 9:30

The Reuben E. Lee on Harbor Island features Robin FREELAND Wed thru Sunday and our own Dick DALE on Mon. and Tues.

-Steve SLOAN is still doing street magic at SeaWorld -check it out

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